

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO GREATER UNIVERSAL BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 30, 2004

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Greater Universal Baptist Church on the occasion of their 50th anniversary.

The Greater Universal Baptist Church was established in the Bronx, New York, in 1954 and immediately became a cornerstone of the community. For fifty years this church has served not only as a place of worship but as a community institution where individuals could build relationships with neighbors and develop skills necessary for success in everyday life. Whether through after school programs, community festivals, clothing distributions or movie nights at the church, the Greater Universal Baptist Church has found ways to engage the people of the Bronx.

In 1998, the church founded the Community Development Corporation in an effort to develop the area surrounding the church. As a result of their efforts and those of the Atlantic Development Group, 204 units of housing and three community centers will be added to the community's landscape in the near future.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot say enough about the efforts of the Greater Union Baptist Church to uplift the people of the Bronx. Through various activities, including feeding the homeless and holding community based seminars for job development, health care and spiritual enrichment, they help the people of my district enjoy a higher standard of living.

For fifty years of service to people of the Bronx, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Greater Universal Baptist Church and in wishing them another prosperous fifty years.

HONORING ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the State of Israel on the 56th anniversary of its establishment. The brave men and women who fought against all odds for the establishment of the State of Israel were determined to build a prosperous, democratic land where western ideals of freedom and tolerance could live. Now, in 2004, Israel stands out more clearly than ever as the ideal its neighbors should aspire towards.

I am proud to have visited Israel, and to have seen firsthand the bravery and steadfastness of its people. I look forward to the day when Israel's independence day is celebrated around the world as a celebration of the val-

ues all people of good will share, and a tribute to the Israel of yesterday, today, and the future.

Mr. Speaker, I also ask my colleagues to join me in commending the Jewish Federation of Las Vegas for sponsoring Las Vegas' Israel Independence Day Celebration on Sunday, May 2, 2004. It is my hope that America's citizens will mark this occasion and demonstrate their support for the U.S.-Israeli relationship with similar events across the country.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF TOM MACNAUGHTON, DIRECTOR OF THE LENAWEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT ON AGING, ADRIAN, MICHIGAN

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 30, 2004

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tom MacNaughton, director of the Lenawee County Department on Aging, and to recognize his dedication to the senior citizens of Lenawee and Monroe counties and the Foster Grandparents program. Tom has given 20 years to the Foster Grandparents program and has helped improve the lives of countless seniors and at-risk youth in Lenawee and Monroe counties.

Tom is passionate about everything he does. Whether it's running a marathon or helping the senior citizens in the community, Tom's commitment to excellence is clearly evident. His hard work has helped the senior citizens of Lenawee and Monroe counties live independently with dignity for as long as possible.

We live in a time when many children lack extended families and seniors face many challenges while living independently. The Foster Grandparents program matches these at-risk children with low-income seniors in a win-win program that fosters caring, compassion, and confidence. The foster grandparents help the children with schoolwork and act as a necessary source of positive reinforcement and attention, while earning money that helps them live independent lives.

In 1982, the State of Michigan allocated additional funding to the Lenawee Foster Grandparent program. While serving as director, Tom MacNaughton used the funding to expand the program into Monroe County. Tom's diligence in working with the local school districts and securing local funding has greatly contributed to the program's success.

For these reasons, I rise to honor Tom MacNaughton of Adrian, Michigan. May his actions be an example for all.

A TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY FORMAN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Anthony Forman in recognition of his important work as a community activist in East New York.

Tony, as he is known to his family and friends, grew up in the community of East New York in Brooklyn. A graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School, he went on to receive a B.A. Degree in theater and an M.S. Degree and Advanced Certificate in guidance and counseling from the School of Education at Brooklyn College. As part of his academic training in the theater, Tony appeared in several Off Broadway stage productions and worked as a professional model. While pursuing his degrees from the School of Education, he designed a community-based training program for ex-offenders who lack education or job skills. Tony is also a dedicated husband and family man with three sons.

Through his work as the office manager for my Pennsylvania Avenue district office, Tony has continued his focus on at-risk young adults. He is a Community Action Board member with the Department of Youth and Community Development. He has also established the East New York Scholarship Fund to assist at-risk youth from low income, resource-deprived communities like East New York. Moreover, because Tony is bilingual in Spanish and English, his work with constituents in need of immigration assistance has been invaluable to the community.

In addition to his community work, Tony is an accomplished entrepreneur. He is currently President and Chief Executive Officer for his company, NUBN Prince Enterprises, a partner in Trucomm Construction Company, and a consultant for KRL Group, LLC and the Crescent Consulting firm. These businesses are all based on the principle of empowering one's community through "TCI," total community involvement.

Mr. Speaker, Anthony Forman has been truly committed to improving the quality of life for his fellow residents in the East New York community. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable community activist.

TRIBUTE TO THE BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S HALL OF FAME 10K RUN

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Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with joy that I rise today to once again pay tribute to

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